



# *Is There A Doctor in the House?*

## Books about Medicine and Being a Doctor

### *Primum non nocere / First, do no harm*

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## New Books: Nonfiction & Fiction

NEW HS F PAT

Patchett, Ann. *State of wonder*. 2011.

Dr. Marina Singh, a research scientist for a pharmaceutical company, is sent to Brazil after the death of her friend, to take up his mission of finding Dr. Annick Swenson, a ruthless woman, who has been conducting research among the Lakashi tribe on a reputed miracle drug, and refuses to let anything stand in her way.

NEW HS 362.19 ZIM

Zimmer, Carl. *A planet of viruses*. 2011.

Explores the hidden world of viruses and how they impact every aspect of life on Earth, includes the latest research into viruses, examining new treatments for deadly viruses, and tracing the evolution of viruses throughout history.

NEW HS 363.34 FAR

Farmer, Paul. *Haiti after the earthquake*. 2011.

Dr. Paul Farmer describes the devastating impact the January 12, 2010, earthquake had on Haiti, and chronicles the experiences he and his colleagues had in the year following the quake as they worked with the UN to aid in the country's recovery efforts.

### *Nurses - one of the few blessings of being ill. ~ Sara Moss-Wolfe*

NEW HS 610 NEA

Nealon, Mary Jane. *Beautiful unbroken: One nurse's life*. 2011.

Mary Jane Nealon chronicles her experiences as a nurse, recounting what she has learned about compassion and caring while helping others in remote areas, in the first AIDS ward in New York city, and while tending to her dying parents.

NEW HS 610 NUL

Nuland, Sherwin B. *Doctors: The biography of medicine*. 1988.

Explores the story of the development of modern medicine through the study of medical innovators and pioneers.

NEW HS 610 TRA

Transue, Emily R. *On call: A doctor's days and nights in residency*. 2004.

Having studied at Yale and Dartmouth, Dr. Transue goes to Seattle to start her internship after graduating from medical school. During her first week on the medical wards, she watches someone come into the emergency room in cardiac arrest and die. It is now a long, long way from books and labs.

NEW HS 614.5 JUR

Jurmain, Suzanne. *The secret of the yellow death: True story of medical sleuthing*. 2009.

The story of how doctors and researchers tracked down the cause of yellow fever and found a way to eliminate the disease.

NEW HS 616.2 ACK

Ackerman, Jennifer. *Ah-choo!: The uncommon life of your common cold*. 2010.

An exploration of the common cold that discusses causes, symptoms, and treatments; dispels myths; and examines research into a cure.

NEW HS 616.9 DEK

De Kruif, Paul. *Microbe hunters*. 1926.

This classic in medical literature describes the achievements of pioneers in the field of bacteriology including Leeuwenhoek, Spallanzani, Koch, Pasteur, Reed, and Ehrlich.

## Nonfiction

HS 174 ALT

Altman, Linda Jacobs. *Bioethics: Who lives, who dies, and who decides?* 2006.

Presents an overview of the issues surrounding the debate over biotechnology, discussing abortion, allocation of medical resources, end-of-life issues, and other related topics.

HS 174 BIO

Biomedical ethics: *Opposing viewpoints*. 1994.

Presents opposing viewpoints on biomedical ethics issues such as genetic engineering, organ transplants, medical use of fetal tissue, and reproductive technology.

- HS 174.2 MED      **Medical ethics. 2005.**  
A collection of twenty-seven controversial essays that discuss opposing views on medical ethics and covers issues such as bias within the health care industry, organ transplants, human cloning and genetic testing, and stem cell research.
- HS 179.7 TOR      **Euthanasia: Opposing viewpoints. 2000.**  
Presents a wide diversity of opinions on euthanasia, and includes discussions on ethics, legalization, physician-assisted suicide, decisions, and infant euthanasia.

*It is reasonable to expect the doctor to recognize that science may not have all the answers to problems of health and healing. ~ Norman Cousins*

- HS 362.1 FLE      **Fleischman, John. *Phineas Gage: A gruesome but true story about brain science* . 2002.**  
The true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived to become a case study in how the brain functions.
- HS 362.1 PAR      **Farmer, Paul. *Partner to the poor: A Paul Farmer reader* . 2010.**  
For nearly thirty years, anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer has traveled to some of the most impoverished places on earth to bring comfort and the best possible medical care to the poor. Throughout his career, Farmer has written eloquently and extensively on these efforts. *Partner to the Poor* collects his writings from 1988 to 2009
- HS 362.1 TAK      **Taking sides. 2004.**  
A debate-style reader designed to introduce students to controversies in health science and professional health with readings that represent the arguments of leading health care professionals, policymakers, and social commentators.
- HS 570.1 THO      **Thomas, Lewis. *The lives of a cell: Notes of a biology watcher*. 1978.**  
Twenty-nine beautifully written essays originally published in the the *New England Journal of Medicine*. These essays examine the complex interdependence of all things and extends beyond the usual limitations of biological science into a vast and wondrous world of hidden relationships. This provocative book explores in personal, poetic essays topics such as computers, germs, language, music, death, insects, and medicine.
- HS 610 BRY      **Bryan, Jenny. *The history of health and medicine*. 1996.**  
An illustrated history of medicine, from the earliest studies of anatomy to advances in AIDS research and the genetics of aging.
- HS 610 CAM      **The Cambridge illustrated history of medicine. 1996.**  
Traces the story of key developments and events in medical history from antiquity to modern times, examining the interrelation of disease, health, and medicine, and emphasizing the complex functions that medicine has fulfilled in society.
- HS 610 COL      **Collins, Michael J. *Blue collar, blue scrubs: The making of a surgeon*. 2009.**  
The author describes how he was inspired to leave his career as a construction worker to become a surgeon with a residency at the Mayo Clinic. He discusses medical school, professional experiences, and more.
- HS 610 GLA      **Glasser, Ronald. *The light in the skull: An odyssey of medical discovery* . 1997.**  
A study of pioneering scientists and doctors from throughout history who have challenged established beliefs about illness and disease and gone on to make discoveries that have changed the lives of billions of people.
- HS 610 GRO      **Groopman, Jerome E. *How doctors think*. 2007.**  
Based on interviews, case histories, and the author's own experiences, describes how doctors diagnose and treat various ailments, and offers advice on how patients can engage in dialogue with their doctor that will improve communication and reduce the risk of misdiagnosis.
- HS 610 HUM      **Human medical trials. 2005.**  
Contains a collection of essays that examine the history and consequences of human medical trials in the United States, including information on the Tuskegee study, the Willowbrook Hepatitis study, and the Fernald School radiation experiments.

*I learned a long time ago that minor surgery is when they do the operation on someone else, not you. ~ Bill Walton*

HS 610 KID	<b>Kidder, Tracy. <i>Mountains beyond mountains</i> . 2003.</b> Chronicles the life of Paul Farmer, focusing on his efforts to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring modern medicine to the countries and people who need them most.
HS 610 MOR	<b>Morley, David. <i>Healing our world</i>. 2007.</b> Presents excerpts from the author's journals depicting his experiences and those of other volunteers as they travel the globe bringing medicines and treatment to those in war-torn areas of the world.
HS 610 PAR	<b>Parry, Ann. <i>Doctors without Borders : Médecins sans frontières</i>. 2005.</b> Describes the work of Doctors Without Borders, explaining where its volunteers go and whom they help.
HS 610 WHA	<b>What I learned in medical school: Personal stories of young doctors. 2004.</b> Short, personal essays that recount the challenges and joys medical students experience as they go through their training. They critique the grueling educational process that entails constant stress and exceedingly long work hours.
HS 610.9 GON	<b>Gonzalez-Crussi, F. <i>A short history of medicine</i>. 2007.</b> A brief five-hundred-year history of the science and philosophy of medicine, discussing the scientific achievements in the field over the centuries.
HS 610.9 STO	<b>Storring, Rod. <i>A doctor's life: Visual history of doctors &amp; nurses through the ages</i>. 1998.</b> An introduction to the long-used practice of bloodletting, the practice of midwifery and the work of apothecaries and barber-surgeons, the development of anesthesia and vaccinations, the use of quarantine to stop the spread of diseases, improvements in medical equipment and more.
HS 611 ROA	<b>Roach, Mary. <i>Stiff: The curious lives of human cadavers</i>. 2003.</b> Explores how human cadavers have been used throughout history, discussing how the use of dead bodies has benefited every aspect of human existence.
HS 612.02 SKL	<b>Skloot, Rebecca. <i>The immortal life of Henrietta Lacks</i>. 2010.</b> Examines the experiences of the children and husband of Henrietta Lacks, who, twenty years after her death from cervical cancer in 1951, learned doctors and researchers took cells from her cervix without consent which were used to create the immortal cell line known as the HeLa cell; provides an overview of Henrietta's life; and explores issues of experimentation on African-Americans and bioethics.
HS 614.5 BAR	<b>Barry, John M. <i>The great influenza: The epic story of the deadliest plague in history</i>. 2005.</b> In 1918, a plague swept across the world virtually without warning, killing healthy young adults as well as vulnerable infants and the elderly. Hospitals and morgues were quickly overwhelmed; in Philadelphia, 4,597 people died in one week alone and bodies piled up on the streets to be carted off to mass graves. But this was not the dreaded Black Death-it was "the flu."
HS 809 STR	<b>Stripling, Mahala Yates. <i>Bioethics and medical issues in literature</i>. 2005.</b> Explores how many bioethical and medical debates related to recent advances in science and technology have been addressed in various literary works.
HS 940.54 LAG	<b>Lagnado, Lucette Matalon. <i>Children of the flames: Dr. Josef Mengele and the untold story of the twins of Auschwitz</i>. 1991.</b> Victims of Dr. Mengele's medical experiments in Auschwitz discuss their ordeals and life after Auschwitz.

## Fiction

HS F ATK	<b>Atkinson, Kate. <i>When will there be good news</i>. 2008.</b> The lives of three people come together in a small English town as Detective Chief Inspector Louise Monroe investigates the disappearance of a well-known doctor.
HS F COB	<b>Coben, Harlan. <i>Tell no one</i> . 2001.</b> Eight years after the disappearance of his wife--presumed dead--Dr. David Beck receives an email message containing hints that Elizabeth is alive, prompting him to leave everyone he knows and trusts to chase after that possibility. Little does he know he is being hunted.
HS F COR	<b>Cornwell, Patricia Daniels. <i>Unnatural exposure</i>. 2008.</b> Dr. Kay Scarpetta becomes both investigator and victim when she is contacted over the Internet by a murderer who is threatening to loose a deadly virus on the world.

- HS F CRO **Cronin, Justin. *The passage*. 2010.**  
 FBI agent Brad Wolgast vows to protect six-year-old orphan Amy Harper Bellafonte after a government military experiment she was involved in goes bad, unleashing a toxic virus that turns humans into bloodthirsty monsters.
- HS F GER **Gerritsen, Tess. *Life support*. 1997.**  
 Dr. Toby Harper, attempting to track a patient who disappeared out of the Springer Hospital emergency room, finds herself on the trail of a deadly epidemic.
- HS F GER **Gerritsen, Tess. *The Mephisto Club*. 2006.**  
 Boston medical examiner Maura Isles teams up with detective Jane Rizzoli to solve a bizarre murder, and as they search for the killer, they uncover a group that believes Satan exists on earth and will do anything to stop him.
- HS F GER **Gerritsen, Tess. *The sinner*. 2003.**  
 Boston detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles look into the murders of two cloistered nuns, but it is only when the body of another woman is found horribly mutilated that the investigators begin to grasp the scope of the crimes.
- HS F GER **Gerritsen, Tess. *Vanish*. 2005.**  
 Boston Medical Examiner Maura Isles discovers that the corpse on her table is alive and rushes her to the hospital; however, the woman murders a security guard and takes hostages, among them the pregnant wife of FBI agent Gabriel Dean.

*I'm not a doctor. I haven't been to medical school; I haven't even been to high school.* ~  
 Homer in John Irving's *Cider House Rules*.

- HS F IRV **Irving, John. *The cider house rules*. 1999.**  
 Set in rural Maine in the first half of this century, it tells the story of Dr. Wilbur Larch--obstetrician and director of the orphanage in the town of St. Clouds. It is also the story of his favorite orphan, Homer, who is never adopted.
- HS F KUN **Kundera, Milan. *The unbearable lightness of being*. 1984.**  
 Tomas, a hopeless philanderer and successful surgeon, flees Prague when the Russians invade in 1968 and heads for Switzerland where he must provide for himself by working as a window washer.
- HS F LEW **Lewis, Sinclair. *Arrowsmith*. 1953.**  
 The story of a doctor who struggles to maintain his integrity as he is forced to give up successive positions as an instructor in medicine, small town doctor, and research pathologist.
- HS F LEW **Lewis, Sinclair. *Main Street*. 1997.**  
 Carol Milford is a liberal, free-spirited young woman, reared in the metropolis of Saint Paul. She marries Will Kennicott, a doctor, who is a small-town boy at heart. When they marry, Will convinces her to live in his home-town of Gopher Prairie, Minnesota. Carol is appalled at the backwardness of Gopher Prairie. But her disdain for the town's physical ugliness and smug conservatism compels her to reform it.
- HS F MAU **Maugham, W. Somerset. *Of human bondage*. 1992.**  
 Philip Carey, a handicapped orphan, is brought up by a self-indulgent Victorian clergyman. Shedding his religious faith as a young man, he begins to study art in Paris, but finally returns to London to qualify as a doctor.
- HS F VER **Verghese, Abraham. *Cutting for stone*. 2009.**  
 Twin brothers Marion and Shiva Stone come of age in Ethiopia, sharing a deep bond that has helped them survive the loss of their parents and the country's political upheaval, but when they both fall for the same woman, their bond is broken and the two go their separate ways, until a medical crisis reunites them.
- HS F WIL **Wilson, Diane L. *Firehorse*. 2006.**  
 This one is not about human medicine, but a story of veterinarian. Spirited fifteen-year-old horse lover Rachel Selby determines to become a veterinarian, despite the opposition of her rigid father, her proper mother, and the norms of Boston in 1872, while that city faces a serial arsonist and an epidemic spreading through its fire horse population.

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